



Directions

From Fairplay, CO, head south on US 285. Head past the intersection of US 285 and CO Hwy 9 continuing on US 285. Just before the top of the hill and a Speed Limit 65 sign, take a right into a small stand of aspens on the side of the road onto County Road 18, which is also known as Four Mile Creek Road. At the cattle crossing, the road turns to dirt. Continue straight on Four Mile Creek Road. When you pass the old mine (Leavick Mill), you are almost there. The road will make a final rise into the final incredible vista of the mountain valley, at which time you will take a left on to Silver Horseshoe Road (Forest Service Road 603). Silver Horseshoe Road makes a curve to the left. Immediately after this curve, make a left hand turn on to Silver Horseshoe Lane, which is unmarked, rarely driven and doesn't resemble a road until you are on it. Drive down to the green gate and **park your vehicle so that it does not block the gate**. The yurt is directly downhill in the trees about 30 yards from this point.

From the T-intersection in Fairplay, CO, heading south on US 285

Fairplay T-intersection to 4 Mile Creek Road – 1.2 Miles, turn right (west)

4 Mile Creek Road turnoff to fork in road, road turns to dirt, cross cattle guard and keep heading straight – 1.3 Miles

Dirt road cattle guard to Horse Shoe Campground – 5.4 miles

Horse Shoe Campground to 4 Mile Creek Campground – 1.1 miles

4 Mile Creek Campground to Leavick Mill – 2.2 miles

Leavick Mill to Left Hand Turn on Forest Service Road 603 up the hill – 0.9 miles

Left Hand Turn up the hill to switchback in road – 0.1 miles

Switchback in road to Silver Horseshoe Lane (left turn) 0.1 miles (look for white Kurt's Yurt sign)

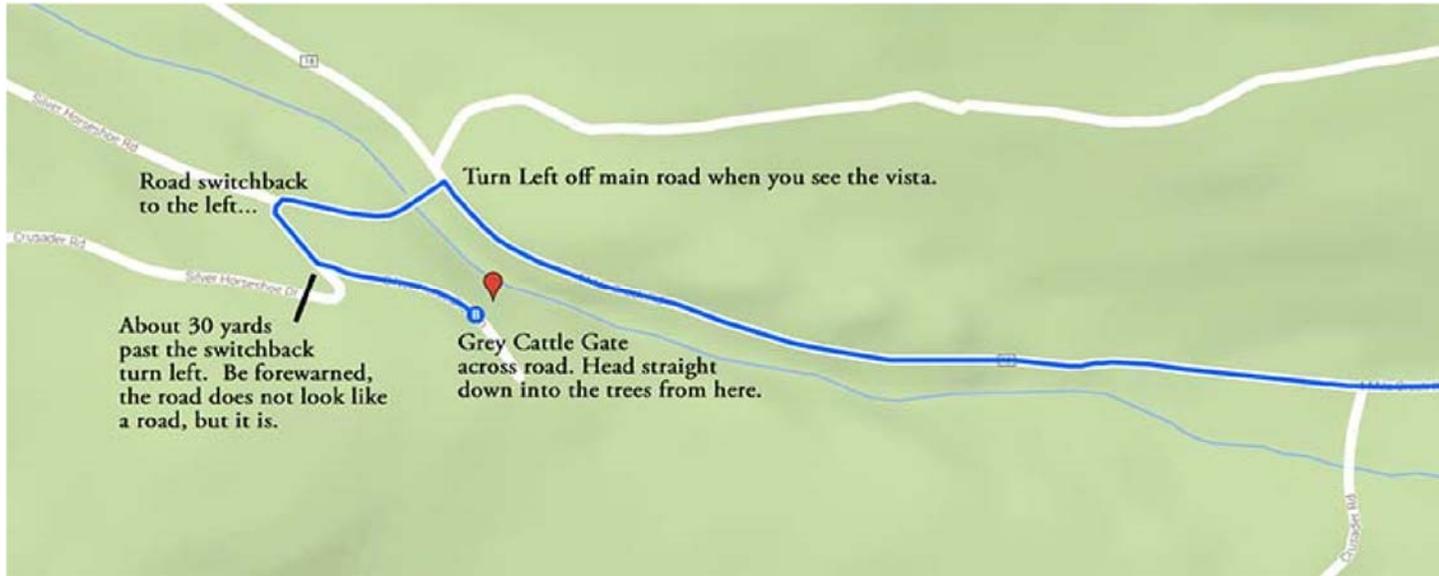
Travel another 0.1 miles and **park the car out of the way of the gray gate across the road**. Walk straight down the hill from the 2nd white Kurt's Yurt sign to the yurt.

Big Map...



Kurt's Yurt

Almost there map...



Vista View... turn left onto Silver Horseshoe Road (Forest Service Road 603) when you get here. Note the cabin on the left. This photo was taken on the road right after you have turned left. It crosses 4 mile creek here.





Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zVmwnXkcbE2s.k0iwN7oOJ8zc>

Google Earth Pinpoint <http://kurtsyurt.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/KurtsYurt.kmz>

Some other necessary info...

The door is locked with a key and a combination lock. The combination is 2-20-6

Wood Stove – Firewood is in the yurt and under a tarp on the north side of the deck. When you light a fire, make sure and do the following:

1. If you plan on using the woodstove, please follow the directions and I recommend viewing this video on how to use one: <https://youtu.be/FIHxtZvG4ag>. Especially on how to clear a vapor lock, which makes the yurt fill with smoke.
2. Open the flue and the vents on the back. Vertical = open. Horizontal = closed. Open the front door of the yurt.
3. Load paper and kindling in the stove. Don't start with big stuff. You may have to make some kindling from the logs.
4. Make a torch out of paper. Light it and stick it up into the chimney flue to warm the flue and start an updraft.
5. After several moments, light your fire.
6. Add a log after things start burning. Add more as necessary.
7. Once you have a good fire, adjust the flue and small vent on the lower back corner of the stove to throttle it back and slow down the burn.
8. I recommend propping the yurt door open. It gets really hot and oxygen may be an issue. There is a carbon monoxide alarm in the yurt. Install the AA batteries and turn it on.
9. If the yurt fills with smoke, you have a vapor lock and have not created an updraft. If this is the case, in addition to opening the yurt door, unzip and open the two windows on either side of the yurt door for ventilation. With a successful wood stove fire, you will eventually clear the smoke from the yurt.
10. Don't worry about cleaning the stove out. We will take care of that.

Composting Toilet – To use the toilet...

1. Pour about 2-3 cups of water in the toilet.
2. Do your thing.
3. Flush with the pedal
4. Pour about 2-3 cups of water in the toilet to wash it down.
5. Flush with the pedal.

Propane stove – In order to use the stove, you will need to turn on the gas.

1. As you are facing the yurt, go around the right side.
2. In about 10 feet, you will find the propane tanks.
3. There are two hoses, one for the stove and one for the refrigerator. They are marked with a piece of duct tape and the aforementioned words on them.



4. Attach the hoses if they aren't already. Turn on the tank valve.
5. Make sure and turn off the gas before you leave. Google Map
6. A wrench is hanging above the tanks in the joists if you need to switch the tank out.

Yurt Rules

1. Leave it the way you found it.
2. Take your trash with you.
3. Read and understand the instructions for the following if you plan on using them:
 - Composting Toilet
 - Wood Stove
 - Outside Fireplace
 - Outside Grill
 - Propane Stove and Refrigerator
4. The property adjacent to the yurt is private property. Please be respectful of our neighbor's privacy and land. Use established roads and trails. **Do not trespass on, alter, litter or damage our neighbor's property in any way.**
5. Please do not alter, litter or damage our property in any way.
6. **DO NOT start a fire outside on the forest floor... PERIOD!** If there is a fire ban in Park County, which is common in the summer, DO NOT start a fire in the outside fireplace.
7. Please do not park in front of the gate across the road. This is our neighbor's driveway.

Safety

1. The property line on the riverside is a steep embankment to the river. Don't let children wander.
2. In the winter, the skiing is fantastic in the bowl above the yurt. Please be advised it is avalanche prone, requiring backcountry skills and equipment.
3. The deck does not have a rail yet and is 5 ft off the ground at the highest point. Please don't fall off.
4. The yurt is 14 miles off the highway on a gradually deteriorating dirt road. Passenger vehicles can make the drive, however, drive slowly and carefully.